



CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

TO: Participating Home Occupancy Customers

SUBJECT: **INFORMATION BULLETIN 106**
Home Occupancy/Retaining Type NM/SE Cable Wiring Method

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The Development Services Department (DSD) requires that each building or structure intended for commercial use have the electrical wiring installed in approved raceways in accordance with Chapter 10 Section 10-93 (3)a of the City code.

As a customer service initiative, the following occupancies in a residential zone, originally constructed and wired for residential use, would be permitted to retain the Type NM/SE cable wiring method.

- Type B Occupancies, Churches only, as described in the 2003 International Building Code (IBC) Section 303.1.1, with an occupant load of fewer than 50 persons.
- Single Station Barber and Beauty Salons which comply with all requirements of the Unified Development Code (UDC) Section 35-375.
- Other Home Occupancies that comply with the Unified Development Code (UDC) Section 35-380. These types of Home Occupancies shall not include Medical, Dental, Clinical, or Psychiatric occupancies due to the redundant grounding and additional wiring requirements of the 2002 National Electric Code (NEC) Section 517.13.

The contents of this information bulletin are intended to encourage new and small businesses and to relieve the potential hardships of additional expenses for Home Occupancies Business Owners. This Information Bulletin is in accordance with Interpretation CI2006-03.

Should you have any questions on this process, please contact the Chief Electrical Inspector at 207-8286 or the Development Service Managers at (210) 207-0148 or (210) 207-0159.